UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALTO LENDING, LLC,

ee.

Plaintiff,

1:12-cv-07391 (ALC)

-against-

ORDER

ALTOBRIDGE LIMITED, ALTOBRIDGE CORPORATION, and INTEL CORPORATION,

Defendants.

12-15-15

ANDREW L. CARTER, JR., United States District Judge:

Sullivan & Worcester LLP, counsel for defendants Altobridge Limited and Altobridge Corporation, moves to withdraw as counsel. (ECF No. 56). Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4, Sullivan & Worcester LLP submitted an affidavit in support of its motion, detailing Altobridge's failure to pay and the posture of the case. (ECF No. 59). "It is well-settled that nonpayment of fees is a valid basis for the Court to grant counsel's motion to withdraw." D.E.A.R. Cinestudi S.P.A. v. Int'l Media Films, Inc., No. 03 Civ. 3038 (RMB), 2006 WL 1676485, at *1 (S.D.N.Y. June 16, 2006). Based upon the papers and declaration presented, Sullivan & Worcester LLP's motion to withdraw is GRANTED. Because the Defendants are artificial entities, they may not proceed *pro se*. New counsel must file a Notice of Appearance within 45 days of the entry of this Order. Sullivan & Worcester LLP is directed to serve a copy of this Order on all parties within three days of receipt and file a certificate of service on ECF.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December $\frac{15}{2}$, 2015

New York, New York

ANDREW L. CARTER, JR. United States District Judge

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